CLAIMS

What is claimed as new and desired to be protected by Letters Patent of the United States is:

- A compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive, comprising the steps of: converting a tracking error (TE) signal into a tracking error zero cross (TEZC) signal; averaging the pulse widths of a plurality of adjacent pulses
 - averaging the pulse widths of a plurality of adjacent pulses on the TEZC signal to derive an average; and designating the average as the pulse width of a recovered TEZC signal.
- 2. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 1, wherein the number of adjacent pulses to be averaged is two.
- 3. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 1, further

- comprising the step of: deriving the seeking speed from the recovered TEZC signal.
- 4. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 3, wherein the seeking speed is a constant.
- 5. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 3, wherein the seeking speed has acceleration.
- 6. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

converting an RF ripple signal into an RF ripple zero cross (RFZC) signal;

averaging the pulse widths of a plurality of adjacent pulses on the RFZC signal to derive an average; and designating the average as the pulse width of a recovered RFZC signal.

- 7. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 1, further comprising the step of: employing the pulse width of the recovered TEZC signal to assist the feedback control of the seeking speed of the pick-up head.
- 8. A compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive, comprising the steps of:

converting a TE signal into a TEZC signal;
deriving a series of half-track seeking speeds from the

TEZC signal;

averaging a plurality of successive half-track seeking speeds to derive an average; and designating the average as a recovered half-track seeking speed.

9. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 8,

wherein the number of adjacent half-track seeking speeds to be averaged is two.

10. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

converting an RF ripple signal into an RFZC signal; deriving a series of half-track seeking speeds from the RFZC signal;

averaging a plurality of successive half-track seeking speeds derived from the RFZC signal to derive an average; and

designating the average as a recovered half-track seeking speed.

11. A compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive, comprising the steps of:

converting an RF ripple signal into an RFZC signal; deriving a series of half-track seeking speeds from the RFZC signal;

- averaging a plurality of successive half-track seeking speeds to derive an average; and designating the average as a recovered half-track seeking speed.
- 12. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 11, wherein the number of adjacent half-track seeking speeds to be averaged is two.
- 13. The compensation method for detecting the seeking speed of a pick-up head in an optical disk drive of Claim 11, further comprising the step of:

 employing the pulse width of the recovered half-track seeking speed to assist the feedback control of the seeking speed of the pick-up head.